

Serial Number 09/930,572
Attorney Docket No.: Pinkham-767RE

REMARKS

I. Objection to the Amendment to the Specification

The Examiner did not enter the amendment to the specification filed on December 24, 2003 because the amendment did not show the changes made by the applicants relative to the original patent specification.

In response, the applicants resubmit herewith the amendment to the specification showing the changes made. The deletions are shown either in brackets or strikeouts and the additions are underlined.

The specification in column 1, line 67 has been amended by replacing the erroneous recitation of "valve 12a" with -- valve 12b --. Support for this amendment can be found in FIG. 1C which shows fluid (depicted by the bolded arrow) entering the valve assembly 10 through valve 16a and exiting the valve assembly 10 through valve 12b. Hence, no new matter is believed entered by this amendment.

The specification in column 3, line 25 has been amended by replacing the erroneous recitation of "A-A" with -- 3B-3B --. Support for this amendment can be found in FIG. 3A which shows only the section line 3B-3B. Hence, no new matter is believed entered by this amendment.

The specification in column 3, line 63 has been amended by replacing the erroneous recitation of "22° (specifically 22.2°)" with -- 30° --. Support for this amendment can be found in the originally filed disclosure of U.S. application No. 08/715,286, this application being the parent application of U.S. continuation application No. 09/311,520. U.S. continuation application No. 09/311,520 issued as the above-captioned U.S. Patent 6,112,767. Hence, no new matter is believed entered by this amendment.

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The specification in column 4, lines 19-21 has been amended by replacing the erroneous recitation "Fluid entering any of the ports encounters a chamber and channels leading to three diverter valves" with -- Fluid entering any of the ports encounters a chamber and channels leading to up to three diverter valves. Fluid entering port 52, for example, encounters chamber 62 and channels leading to two diverter valves 70 and 72.-- The text of the specification, as originally filed, erroneously stated that any of the ports leads to a chamber and channels leading to three diverter valves, when clearly, as illustrated in Figure 3A, some of the ports lead to two diverter valves. The amendment submitted herewith appropriately corrects this error without adding new matter.

The specification in column 4, line 33 has been amended by replacing the erroneous recitation of "A-A" with -- 3B-3B --. Support for this amendment can be found in FIG. 3A which shows only the section line 3B-3B. Hence, no new matter is believed entered by this amendment.

The specification in column 4, line 55 has been amended by replacing the erroneous recitation of "22° (specifically 22.2°)" with -- 30° --. Support for this amendment can be found in the originally filed disclosure of U.S. application No. 08/715,286, this application being the parent application of U.S. continuation application No. 09/311,520. U.S. continuation application No. 09/311,520 issued as the above-captioned U.S. Patent 6,112,767. Hence, no new matter is believed entered by this amendment.

II. Summary


The Applicant believes that the deficiencies identified by the Examiner have been corrected and the application is in condition for allowance. Entry of the amendment and allowance of the application is requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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